

Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parent/ Carers

Re: Strike Action

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the largest teacher union, NEU have declared further strike action, which will take place on 15th March and 16th March. I am writing to give you as much notice as possible of the likely impact of this action on our school.

While the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the union and the government, and not Woodloes or Community Academies Trust, it is important that we respond accordingly. As such, the senior leadership team at school has been working closely with staff to plan for the strike days. At this stage, we understand that a significant number of colleagues will be taking industrial action.

We have looked at the school timetable/ school day for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023 to see if we can manage the safe supervision of pupils. Because of the significant number of teachers absent due to strike action we are not able to ensure the safe supervision of our pupils; accordingly, Woodloes Primary School will be closed on both Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023, for all pupils, including Saplings pre-school.

I apologise for having to close the school and for any inconvenience this causes you. There will be provision for children eligible for FSM to receive a packed lunch on the day in question and further information about this will follow.

There have not been any further dates announced for industrial action by the union at this time and we will continue to monitor the situation moving forward.

If you have any questions or concerns about the arrangements outlined above, please speak to Helen Williams in the school office, in the first instance.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Andy Mitchell (Head Teacher)